PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE REGULATION RELATING TO HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE RATE COMPARISONS

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER MATTHEW DENN hereby gives notice of proposed amendments to Department of Insurance Regulation 1301 relating to Internal Review, Arbitration and Independent Utilization Review of Health Insurance Claims. The docket number for this proposed regulation is 356.

The Department of Insurance proposes to amend Regulation 1301 by rescinding the current regulation and substituting in lieu thereof revised provisions for the review and arbitration of health insurance claims. As a result of the enactment of Senate Bill 295 on July 6, 2005 it became necessary to re-promulgate Regulation 1301 to provide for the review of claims from managed care organizations formerly under the regulatory authority of the Department of Health and Social Services. The Delaware Code authority for the change is 18 *Del. C.* §§ 311, 332 and 6401 *et seq.* The text can also be viewed at the Delaware Insurance Commissioner's website at www.delawareinsurance.gov and clicking on the link for "Proposed Regulations."

The Department of Insurance will hold a public hearing on the proposed changes on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Consumer Services hearing room, 841 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, DE 19904. Any person can file written comments, suggestions, briefs, and compilations of data or other materials concerning the proposed amendment. Any written submission in response to this notice and relevant to the proposed change must be received by the Department of Insurance no later than 4:30 p.m., March 6, 2007 by delivering said comments to Deputy Attorney General Michael J. Rich, c/o Delaware Department of Insurance, 841 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE 19904, or sent by fax to 302.739.5566 or emailed to michael.rich@state.de.us.